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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17f-2(a) (17 CFR 240.17f-2(a), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.). The Commission plans to submit the existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval. Rule 17f-2(a) (Fingerprinting Requirements for Securities Professionals) requires that securities professionals be fingerprinted. This requirement serves to identify security-risk personnel, to allow an employer to make fully informed employment decisions, and to deter possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Partners, directors, officers, and employees of exchanges, brokers, dealers, transfer agents, and clearing agencies are included.

The Commission staff estimates that approximately 10,000 respondents will submit fingerprint cards each year. It also estimates that each respondent will submit 55 fingerprint cards per year. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with Rule 17f-2(a) is one-half hour. Thus, the total estimated annual burden is 275,000 hours for all respondents (550,000 times one-half hour). The average internal labor cost of compliance per hour is

approximately \$50. Therefore, the total estimated annual internal labor cost of compliance for all respondents is \$13,750,000 (275,000 times \$50).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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